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This is a redraft of 2009 Assembly Bill 548. In the course of working on this draft, I noticed a discrepancy in current law. Current law provides, under s. 29.354 (1), stats., that no person may possess the carcass of a game animal unless the person has a valid hunting license. But s. 29.347 (5), stats., which allows a person to possess the carcass of a deer killed by a motor vehicle, does not specify whether the person is exempt from the requirement under s. 29.347 (5) to have a hunting license in order to possess that deer carcass. I think, although I am not certain, that the intention of the car-killed deer statute is to allow a person to take a deer carcass that is killed by a motor vehicle even if the person does not have a hunting license. Accordingly, I have included language in this version of the draft that clarifies that a person may take possession of a car-killed deer without a having a hunting license. You may want to discuss this issue with Tom Van Haren who is with the Bureau of Law Enforcement at the Department of Natural Resources to ensure that my understanding of current law is correct.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions with regard to this draft.

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